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In re application of : Confirmation No. 6970

Takahiro OSHITA et al. : Docket No.01213/GEB667-US

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FLUIDIZED-BED GASIFICATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 19, 2001, a three month extension of time being
filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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In the Claims:

Kindly add the following new claims 29 and 30:

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29. (New) An apparatus for treating combustibles, said apparatus comprising:

a fluidized-bed furnace having a gasification region for gasifying combustibles so as to
generate combustible gas and non-combusted particles, and having a heat recovery region, said
fluidized-bed furnace further including a fluidized medium operable to circulate between said
gasification region and said heat recovery region;

a heat recovery surface in said heat recovery region for recovering heat from said fluidized
medium; and

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